

# Relationships 4

## "TROUBLED RELATIONSHIPS"

### I Samuel 18:5-30, 18:29\*

ETS: David & Saul had a troubled relationship.

ESS: Most, if not all of us, have experienced some troubled relationship.

There are many people who spend a great deal of their time and life tearing down relationships rather than building them. This may be without consideration of the results of their actions; however, there are serious consequences.

1. What provokes troubled relationships?
2. What is produced by troubled relationships?
3. What prevents troubled relationships?

#### I. Their PROVOCATION (what incites or stimulates troubled relations?)

Six things that are detrimental to relationships:

#### A. Jealousy (18:5, 8-9) Why? insecurity "the Kingdom?"

**1 Sam 18:5**

So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

**1 Sam 18:8-9**

8 Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?"

9 So Saul eyed David from that day forward.

**OT:5770** avan (aw-van'); denominative from OT:5869; to watch (with jealousy):

"jealousy is cruel as the grave" Song of Solomon 8:6

**Why was he insecure and jealous? I Samuel 16:14**

**1 Sam 16:14**

But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a **distressing spirit** from the LORD troubled him.

This distressing spirit took advantage of Saul's disposition and began to riddle him with vicious thoughts of David. This spirit did not let up, Because Saul was willing to remain full of hate.

#### Like a Crab

Charles L. Allen in The Miracle of Love writes of a fisherman friend who told him that one never needs a top for his crab basket. If one of the crabs starts to climb up the sides of the basket, the other crabs will reach up and pull it back down. Some people are a lot like crabs.

#### Adam & Eve

Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands. When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women," she charged.

"You're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth."

The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve.

"What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded.

"Counting your ribs," said Eve.

**Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo.**

## **B. Selfishness (18:8) head strong determination**

### **1 Sam 18:8**

Then Saul **was very angry**, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?"

What happen for the Kingdom of GOD? How we can easily stray from the purpose of building together, Saul forgot the fact that David is helping the Kingdom and Enlarging territory.

### **Titus 1:15-16**

15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.

16 They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

Men are not against you, they are merely for themselves

**Radio personality Paul Harvey** tells the story of how an Eskimo kills a wolf. The account is grisly, yet it offers fresh insight into the consuming, self-destructive nature of sin.

"First the Eskimo coats his knife blade with animal blood and allows it to freeze. Then he adds another layer of blood, and another, until the blade is completely concealed by frozen blood."

"Next, the hunter fixes his knife in the ground with the blade up. When a wolf follows his sensitive nose to the source of the scent and discovers the bait he licks it, tasting the fresh, frozen blood. He begins to lick faster, more and more vigorously, lapping the blade until the keen edge is bare. Feverishly now, harder and harder the wolf licks the blade in the Arctic night. So great becomes his craving for blood that the wolf doesn't notice the razor sharp sting of the naked blade on his tongue nor does he recognize the instant at which his insatiable thirst is being satisfied by his own warm blood. His carnivorous appetite just craves more -- until the dawn finds him dead in the snow!"

## **C. foul attitude (18:10) (Offensive, rude & obnoxious)**

### **1 Sam 18:10-11**

10 And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played music with his hand, as at other times; but there was a spear in Saul's hand.

11 And Saul cast the spear, for he said, "**I will pin David to the wall!**" But David escaped his presence twice.

Saul becomes enraged with David, Rude and obnoxious. Not only are we envying the person, but now we trying to make it miserable for the individual.

"I will pin David to the wall" I will gloat on his pain and torture... Who do you have on the wall?

## **D. Dupes (18:22-23) (those who are gullible - a person who easily or unwittingly serves the cause of another person.)**

### **1 Sam 18:19-21**

20 Now Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David. And they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

21 So Saul said, "I will give her to him, **that she may be a snare to him**, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to David a second time, "You shall be my son-in-law today."

### **Pleasant Words....**

#### **Ps 55:21**

The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, But war was in his heart;  
His words were softer than oil, Yet they were drawn swords.

### **That She would be a snare to him**

(1.) Perhaps he hoped that she would, even after her marriage to David, take part with her father against her husband, and give him an opportunity of doing David an unkindness

*Later, we find Michal against her husband's celebration of the return of the Ark.*

### **2 Sam 6:16**

16 Now as the ark of the LORD came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

*The worst of it is when you invite others to be a part of your snare.*

### **1 Sam 18:22-23**

22 And Saul commanded his servants, "Communicate with David secretly, and say, 'Look, the king has delight in you, and all his servants love you. Now therefore, become the king's son-in-law.' "

23 So Saul's servants spoke those words in the hearing of David. And David said, "Does it seem to you a light thing to be a king's son-in-law, seeing I am a poor and lightly esteemed man?"

## **E. Gossips (18:24) Troublemakers**

### **1 Sam 18:24**

And the servants of Saul told him, saying, "In **this manner** David spoke."

It wasn't what He said, but in what manner he said it... He said it like this... Now these guys are caught up in the drama. Hoping to see more action at David's expense.

A perverse (froward) man soweth strife, and a whisperer separates chief friends" **Prov. 16:28**

"Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out; so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceases." **Prov. 26:20**

**Spanish Proverb** – Whoever gossips to you will soon gossip of you.

No one can have a gossiping tongue, unless they have gossiping ears.

## **II. Their PRODUCTION**

### **A. Broken Fellowship**

#### **Rejected by God**

##### **1. with God (Matt. 5:23-24 – Bring your gift**

Matt 5:23-24

23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,  
24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

#### **The Results in Saul's life..**

(Prov. 18:19, Heb. 12:14-15, I Sam. 18:29, 23:14,-  
22:12-19)

(priests killed)

(31:4) suicide eventually.

(19:1, 19:10, 11, 15) to kill David - chasing fleas (24:12-14)

It controlled his life.

### **D. Blind Hypocrisy (20:25) ff**

## **III. Their PREVENTION**

You can't prevent them from taking place but you can prevent them from effecting you personally.

Kill - (19:1, 10-11, 15, 20:31)